Appointment of new Non-Executive Directors

17 June 2013 - The Met Office is pleased to announce the appointment of Wendy Barnes, Christine Tacon, David Burridge and Sir John Beddington as Non-Executive Directors.

They will join Paul Rew (Non-Executive Director), David Curley (Shareholder Executive Advisor) and the senior Met Office Executives in comprising the Met Office Board.

Wendy Barnes brings experience in customer service, strategy development and change management. David Burridge has previously been Director and Chief Executive of ECMWF. David also established and directed the WMO's International Programme Office for THORPEX. Sir John Beddington was the previous Government Chief Scientific Advisor and brings extensive experience from across government and science. Christine Tacon, with a background in sales and marketing, brings commercial experience to the board.

Greg Clarke, Met Office Chairman said: "I am very much looking forward to working with the new Board, utilising the members' diverse range of skills and experience to best meet the challenges posed by climate, weather and the international economic situation in the coming years."

Chief Executive John Hirst has commented: "I'm pleased that we have been able to attract such high calibre people. I am confident that the new Board composition will provide strong support and constructive challenge to the Executive."

The new Non-Executive Directors wide range of knowledge and expertise will help the Met Office in our provision of weather and climate services and to meet its corporate objectives.

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